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**Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial  
Cemetery Advisory Committee  
(SNVMCAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
12-8-15**

**Date/Time of Meeting:** December 8, 2015 @ 9:00AM

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bill Perlmutter

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Bill Perlmutter

**Roll Call Present:** Bill Perlmutter – Chairman  
Chere Pedersen – Vice-Chairwoman  
Felicia Tate – Member  
Dick Brown – Member  
Assemblyman Chris Edwards – Member

**Roll Call Not Present:** Jim McCawley - Member  
Senator Becky Harris - Member

**NDVS Attendees:** Gerald, Willette - Deputy Director, NDVS  
Chris Naylor – Superintendent, SNVMC  
Kaytlin Percifull – Administrative Assistant, SNVMC

**Guests:** Raelene Palmer – Deputy Attorney General, State of NV  
Vic Thomas – Civil Air Patrol

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Review and Approval of this meeting's agenda:**  
Assemblyman Chris Edwards – made a motion to accept the agenda  
Felicia Tate – motion was seconded  
Decision: Unanimous consent – will stand as written

**Review and Approval of September 23, 2105 Minutes:**

Dick Brown – made motion to accept the minutes

Chere Pedersen – motion was seconded

Decision: Unanimous consent – will stand as written

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Cemetery & Agency Reports:**

**Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

Chris Naylor, Superintendent, Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery

**Burial Report Overview:**

1. Interments
  - a. 148 interments for November 2015 (104 Veterans, 44 Dependents)
  - b. 1,728 interments year-to-date for 2015
  - c. 36,445 interments since the opening of the cemetery
  - d. Remaining Years of Utilization
    - i. Single Casket – 9.9 years
    - ii. Double Caskets – 11.7 years
    - iii. In-Ground Cremations – 6.2 years
    - iv. Columbarium Niches – 7.9 years

**Donations and Expenditures Report (State Fiscal Year 2016)**

**Overview (Nevada Veterans Cemeteries Gift Account):**

1. Donations as of September 22, 2015: \$15,131.44
2. Expenditures as of September 22, 2015: \$18,479.23
3. Balance in gift account for both cemeteries as of May 1, 2015: \$314,587.21

**Upcoming Events:**

1. December 12, 2015 @ 9AM – Wreaths Across America
  - a. Discussed the program agenda, organization of wreath placement after the ceremony, and the expected number of wreaths to be received (reports are between 1600 and 2500).

**Nevada Department of Veterans Services**

Willette Gerald, Deputy Director, Nevada Dept. of Veterans Services

**Agency Updates:**

1. The Las Vegas Veterans Memorial groundbreaking held on Veterans Day 2015, November 11, 2015, at the Grant Sawyer Building (555 E. Washington Blvd., Las Vegas, NV) went very well. Governor Brian Sandoval was the key note speaker. There were 250+ people in attendance.
  - a. The dedication/ribbon cutting will take place May 27, 2016. The time is TBD.
2. Following the news coverage after Veterans Day of some overgrowth of grass on the grave markers, the cemetery has received an increase of support from the Dept. of Corrections and the Dept. of Forestry to help maintain the edging around the grave markers.
3. The cemetery has received a \$3.5M Operations and Maintenance grant from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for the raising and realigning of the grave markers throughout the cemetery.
4. Deputy Director Gerald will be retiring December 18, 2015.

**Proposed Meeting Dates and Locations Discussion:**

1. Next Meeting March 7, 2016 @ 9AM – SNVMC Administration Building Conference Room

**Future Agenda Items:**

None

**Public Comments/Announcements:**

1. Chere Pedersen, Blue Star Mothers – The annual stocking event took place on December 7, 2015 and was a huge success.
2. Dick Brown mentioned Fox News has been plugging Wreaths Across America (WAA), but it seems they are only talking about Arlington. Chere Pedersen made a recommendation to send out a press release for the media to come out for the WAA ceremony.
3. Chairman Bill Perlmutter mentioned during the Governor's speech at the Veterans Home on Veterans Day, he wants Nevada to be the number one Veteran State in the Nation.
4. Raelene Palmer mentioned that the Attorney General has created the Office of Military Legal Assistance to provide legal assistance and represent veterans in a civil capacity.
5. Assemblyman Chris Edwards mentioned that the Assembly has setup a Veterans Council to help veterans groups have their issues heard. If anyone has any questions they can contact Assemblyman Edwards at 702-715-4308.

**Adjournment:**

Chere Pedersen – made motion to adjourn the meeting

Dick Brown – motion was seconded

Decision: Unanimous consent